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SUBJECT: NATO AEW PROGRAM OFFICE (NAPO) MANNING

1. THIS MESSAGE FORWARDS FOR INFORMATION THE TEXTS OF RECENT LETTERS FROM THE UK AND CANADIAN DELEGATIONS ON THE SUBJECT OF NATO AEW PROGRAM OFFICE (NAPO) MANNING. IN HIS AUGUST 8 LETTER TO ACTING SYG PANSAL, UK PERMREP KILLICK CONFIRMED THAT THE NAPO PROGRAM MANAGER, AIR CDRE SCRIMGEOUR, WILL BE AVAILABLE TO REMAIN IN PLACE UNTIL THE END OF 1977 (TEXT FOLLOWS IN PARA 2 BELOW). ON AUGUST 10 THE CANADIAN HIGH LEVEL GROUP REPRESENTATIVE INFORMED THE NAPO SECRETARY THAT WHILE HIS AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN STUDYING THE POSSIBILITY OF OFFERING A CANDIDATE FOR THE POSITION OF PROGRAM MANAGER, THEY NOW ADVISE THAT
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THEY WILL BE UNABLE TO DO SO UNTIL JULY OR AUGUST 1978
(TEXT FOLLOWS IN PARA 3 BELOW.)

2. BEGIN TEXT OF UK LETTER.

1. IN MY LETTER TO YOU OF 21 APRIL, I MENTIONED IN PASSING THAT IF OUR ALLIES SO WISHED WE SHOULD BE READY TO LEAVE

MOST OF THE BRITISH STAFF ON LOAN TO THE NATO AEW PROGRAMME OFFICE IN POST FOR THE TIME BEING, TO ENSURE CONTINUITY FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE. OUR OFFER WAS REITERATED BY SIR CLIFFORD CORNFORD AT THE LAST CNAD, AND WAS WELCOMED BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL IN HIS LETTER TO ME OF 6 MAY. HOWEVER, WE HAVE REMAINED CONSCIOUS OF SOME CONTINUING GENERAL CONCERN ABOUT THE FUTURE MANNING OF NAPO; INDEED MY COLLEAGUES FROM THE US, CANADA, ITALY AND TURKEY HAVE ALL WRITTEN TO ME TO URGE THAT WE TAKE NO PRECIPITATE ACTION ON NAPO MANNING, PARTICULARLY OVER THE PROGRAMME MANAGER'S POST.

2. I NEED HARDLY STRESS THAT IN CONSIDERING THE WAY AHEAD WE HAVE NATURALLY TAKEN A CAREFULLY MEASURED APPROACH, WITH NATO'S INTEREST UPPERMOST IN OUR MINDS. WE HAVE WORKED OUT UK MANPOWER REDUCTIONS IN FULL CONSULTATION WITH NAPO, AND POSTINGS HAVE ONLY RECENTLY BEGUN. MOREOVER AS FAR AS THE PROGRAMME MANAGER'S POST IS CONCERNED I CAN NOW CONFIRM THAT AIR CDRE SCRIMGEOUR WILL BE AVAILABLE TO REMAIN IN PLACE UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR.

3. I IMAGINE THAT THIS LAST POINT IN PARTICULAR MAY WELL BE TOUCHED ON AT A CNAD HIGH LEVEL GROUP MEETING AFTER THE VACATION PERIOD; NEVERTHELESS I FELT THAT BOTH YOU AND THOSE OTHERS OF MY COLLEAGUES WITH A PARTICULAR INTEREST WOULD FIND IT HELPFUL TO HAVE THIS ASSURANCE ABOUT AIR CONFIDENTIAL

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CDRE SCRIMGEOUR'S AVAILABILITY WELL BEFOREHAND; IT IS OF COURSE AT THE SAME TIME DESIGNED TO GIVE TIMELY WARNING OF THE NEED FOR A REPLACEMENT.

4. I AM COPYING THIS LETTER TO ALL PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES. END TEXT OF UK LETTER.

3. BEGIN TEXT OF CANADIAN LETTER.

- YOU WILL RECALL THAT DURING THE HIGH LEVEL GROUP MEETING 19-20 JULY, THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM CANADA STATED THAT WE WERE STUDYING THE POSSIBILITY OF OFFERING A CANDIDATE FOR THE POSITION OF PROGRAMME MANAGER. MY AUTHORITIES NOW ADVISE THAT CANADA WILL BE UNABLE TO PROVIDE A CANDIDATE UNTIL JULY OR AUGUST 1978. THEY HAVE FURTHER STATED THAT THE AUTHORITIES OF THE U.K. SHOULD BE URGED TO PERMIT AIR COMMODORE SCRIMGEOUR TO STAY ON AS PROGRAMME MANAGER AT LEAST UNTIL THE PROGRAMME IS APPROVED AS PERSONAL STABILITY IN NAPO IS NOW CRITICAL AND SHOULD NOT BE DISTURBED. END TEXT OF CANADIAN LETTER. GLITMAN

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